

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 27, 2008 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

Enclosed is a Transmittal of Revocation of Power of Attorney By Assignee and Change of Correspondence Address & Attorney Docket Number. Also enclosed is the fully executed Revocation of Power of Attorney By Assignee.

Further, enclosed is a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$120 to cover the government fee.

Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been currently amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the specification on Page 3, lines 8-16 and on Page 8, lines 3-19. Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18 have been previously presented.

The specification has been objected to because it failed to include the Abstract on a separate sheet. A new abstract of the invention is enclosed herewith on a separate sheet of paper.

The specification has been objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The specification has been currently amended to overcome the objection. Support for the amendments to the specification is found in the claims, which are part of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Attached is a new Figure 5 showing the recording circuit coupled to the storage device and the detection circuit, selection circuit coupled to the detection circuit and a retrieving circuit coupled to the storage device and the selection circuit as requested. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 7,184,522 to Brunelle et al in view of United States Publication No.

2003/0041332 to Allen et al, United States Patent No. 6,804,300 to Hoshino et al and United States Patent No. 6,029,047 to Ishida et al. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Applicant's currently amended independent claim 1 provides for a set top terminal, comprising: (a) a storage device that is configured to continuously record a current video program; (b) a detection circuit that is configured to detect on-line connection of a communication event and to detect on-line disconnection; (c) a recording circuit, operably coupled to the storage device and the detection circuit, that is configured to record date and time of the on-line connection and a current channel number being viewed; and (d) a selection circuit, operably coupled to the detection circuit, that is configured to, when said on-line disconnection is detected, prompt for user input to allow a user to choose between continuing viewing the video program as it is currently being played at the time of said on-line disconnection and viewing the video program from the date and time recorded when the on-line connection was established.

Applicant sincerely believes that amended independent claim 1 is not disclosed or taught in the cited references and therefore Application respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

In both the Brunelle and Allen patents, when the telephone call finishes, playback of the paused program recommences from the time at which the call was initiated (Brunelle Col. 6, lines 53-58; Allen paragraph 116 last sentence). This may present an annoyance to the user, particularly if he/she is watching a live sports broadcast and therefore want to know the present score on completing the call, as the program playback would be delayed by the time taken for the call.

In Applicant's invention, the claims include the feature that on receiving a phone call, the program is automatically recorded. In addition, the claims have been currently amended to include the feature that on disconnection of the call, the user is advantageously provided with a choice to either continue viewing the program as it is currently being placed i.e. revert to 'live' television, or

to continue viewing the program from the date and time recorded when the call was established i.e. play back the recording.

It can be seen that the cited references teach away from Applicant's currently amended claim 1 and therefore Applicant believes that claim 1, along with dependent claims 2-7, is not taught or disclosed in the cited references.

Independent method claim 7 has been currently amended to include a method for tracking the time of on-line connection of a communication event in a system that continuously records a current video program in a storage device, the method comprising the steps of: (a) detecting whether on-line connection of a communication event is established and detecting when disconnection of said communication event is established; (b) upon detecting the on-line connection, recording date and time of the on-line connection and a current channel number being viewed; and (c) allowing, when the on-line connection is disconnected, a user to choose between continuing viewing the video program as it is currently being played at the time of disconnection and viewing the video program from the date and time recorded when the on-line connection was established.

Applicant sincerely believes that method claim 7, along with dependent claims 8-12, is novel over the cited references for the reasons states herein above and therefore respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 13 and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 7,184,522 to Brunelle et al in view of U. S. Publication No. 2003/0041332 to Allen et al, United States Patent No. 6,804,300 to Hoshino et al, United States Patent No. 6,029,047 to Ishida et al and United States Patent No. 6,798,971 to Potrebic. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Independent claim 13 has been currently amended to include a television comprising: a tuner; a display operably coupled to the tuner; and a recording device, operably coupled to the tuner. The tuner further includes a storage device that is configured to continuously record a current video program, a detection circuit that is configured to detect on-line connection of a communication event and to detect on-line disconnection, a recording circuit, operably coupled to the storage device and the detection circuit, that is configured to record date and time of the on-line connection and a current channel number being viewed, and a selection circuit, operably coupled to the detection circuit, that is configured to, when on-line disconnection is detected, to prompt user input to allow a user to choose between continuing viewing the video program as it is currently being played at the time of the on-line disconnection and viewing the video program from the date and time recorded when the on-line connection was established.

Applicant believes that the subject matter of currently amended claim 13, along with dependent claims 14-18, is not taught or suggested in the cited references for the reasons as set forth herein and therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 2-5 and 8-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 7,184,522 to Brunelle et al in view of U. S. Publication No. 2003/0041332 to Allen et al, United States Patent No. 6,804,300 to Hoshino et al, United States Patent No. 6,029,047 to Ishida et al as applied to claims 1 and 7 and further in view of United States Patent No. 6,738,952 to Yamamuro. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Claims 2-5 depend upon currently amended independent claim 1 and are believed patentable over the cited references for the reasons as stated herein with reference to claim 1.

Claims 8-11 depend upon currently amended independent method claim 7 and are believed patentable over the cited references for the reasons as stated herein with reference to claim 7.

Claims 14-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 7,184,522 to Brunelle et al in view of U. S. Publication No. 2003/0041332 to Allen et al, United States Patent No. 6,804,300 to Hoshino et al, United States Patent No. 6,029,047 to Ishida et al and United States No. 6,798,971 to Potrebic as applied to claim 13 and further in view of United States Patent No. 6,738,952 to Yamamuro. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

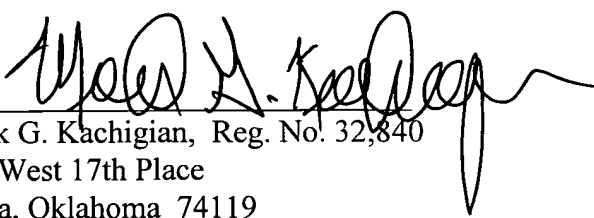
Claims 14-17 depend upon currently amended independent claim 13 and are believed patentable over the cited references for the reasons as stated herein with reference to claim 13.

Unless the undersigned has misinterpreted the Office Action, this amendment should place the claims in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the claims are not in condition for allowance it is because of a mistake or a misunderstanding of the Office Action and, in such case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (918) 587-2000 so that any remaining amendments to place the application in condition for allowance can hopefully be achieved in a telephone interview. If any further charges are associated with this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully Submitted

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